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Mokelumne Hill, Jan'y 14th, 1855

My dear Wife

I write you a line today and shall deposite it in the Mail tonight. I sent the letter, which I designed to be sent by mail, yesterday by express. But thinking the mail from this place may possibly be in before the steamer leaves I thy this--The reason of my being out of season for the mail is on account of a change which we have in our mail to San Francisco which has been altered from a daily to a tri-weekly--So that we are now prevented from the daily accommodation which we have formerly had. Every thing is in its usual condition. The weather is very fine. Pleasant as can be. Business quite dull. I have attended a case of midwifers today--a Spanish woman--shall recieve \$32 for the service, which in N. H. would have given me \$3. Some difference--

My health is good--I wrote you this thinking you might be disappointed should you not recieve a letter by mail. It is somewhat doubtfull whether this will be in time. If you get this first it will satisfy you untill the one by express arrives. With my love to yourself & the children, I subscribe myself

Mrs. Julia Ann Baker
Meriden N. H.

Your Affectionate Husband
John W. H. Baker